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- On June 11, 2003, in a telephone conference with Ms. Ellen Lirley of the California Coastal Commission (CCC), Ms. Lirley stated that recently the CCC denied Sea World a permit in the area of concern. In particular, the denied permit requested permission from the CCC to pave a portion (10 acres) of the landfill that extends to the existing parking area. The permit was denied because of an ongoing field investigation by the LEA. The CCC will not issue the development permit to Sea World until the field investigation is completed and all of the regulatory requirements are met.
- 3. DTSC staff will conduct field sampling for methane and hydrogen sulfide gas at Sea World. DTSC staff will also investigate the disposal of soil excavated at the Site, which was allegedly transported to a City landfill without testing for hazardous constituents. In addition, we have informed the various other regulatory agencies and Sea World of the concerns expressed in your letter and will share the results of our field investigations when available.
- 4. The San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (Board) is one of the lead agencies on this site. The Board regulates the former Mission Bay Landfill pursuant to waste discharge requirements in Order 97-011 and addenda thereto. In addition, Board staff regularly attend a technical advisory committee that is chaired by the San Diego Councilperson Donna Frye. This committee is developing requirements for further work/evaluations at the former Mission Bay Landfill site.

Thank you again for writing. Should you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact me or Ms. Nennet V. Alvarez, Chief of the Statewide Compliance Division – Southern California Branch, at (714) 484-5350.

Sincerely,

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